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Photo by Sue Tiffin

Two-and-a-half year old Mya Noel went from float to float taking all the sights in before the parade got underway. She had the chance to get up close and personal with this year's miniature horse stars, Dice and Dash.

Film to premiere at Hockey Night in Haliburton

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The town is buzzing after an announcement this week that TSN's James Duthie will host Hockey Night in Haliburton at Head Lake Park during the first weekend of the Canadian Pond Hockey Championships.

On Jan. 25, Duthie will be in Haliburton along with some of his TSN colleagues, members of The Hockey News, and the who's who of Canada's hockey community, to premiere 'There's Something in the Water?', a feature-length documentary looking at Haliburton's unique link to the sport of hockey.

"The biggest component of this whole thing is just, I think for the first time we have a huge opportunity to put this place on the map at a national level," said Wayde Greer of Bent Nose Media, the producers of the film. "It's not just local. Anything The Hockey News gets involved with, it's got to be something really big."

Written and directed by Charlie Teljeur, also of Bent Nose Media, the film started off as a look at Haliburton's impact on hockey and how it produces NHL stars like Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson. But as Greer and Teljeur worked on the film, it became something more.

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Dorset Tower may get solar power

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

A solar power installation at the Dorset Scenic Lookout Tower is now part of 2014 budget deliberations for Algonquin Highlands.

The township's parks, recreation and trails department installed a second gatehouse this year at the tower entrance on Highway 35 north of Dorset. It was one of several tower projects for which the township received a \$15,000 grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC).

Hydro installation at the second gatehouse

is another of those projects. It would support any future move to processing permits and passes electronically.

A solar hydro installation would be more feasible in both the short- and long-term, said Coleman, estimating traditional hydro costs at "closer to \$10,000" for installation plus monthly fees.

Coleman presented council with three quotes for solar power installation, recommending the lowest at \$6,500 from a local company. The installation would be done next spring and costs would come from township reserves.

Council deferred the matter to 2014

budget discussions. In all, the tower had a very successful year according to Coleman. Revenues increased by 13.6 per cent over 2012 without fee changes (for example, at Sept. 30 revenues had increased by \$2,591 to \$16,646). The total number of passes sold increased by 1,090 to 9,081.

Coleman reported staff developed new brochures, increased marketing efforts and initiated new merchandise ideas for the tower store. Changing the opening and closing of the entrance gate to coincide with park staff hours reduced visitation after hours and captured more revenues.

The second gatehouse and new traffic management system "practically eliminated" ongoing traffic back-ups onto Highway 35 that required OPP traffic control support, Coleman reported. Facility improvements were made to entrance signage, toilets and the parking lot (surface upgrading on the expansion will be completed next spring). The storage/pumphouse building walls and structure were repaired and a new drinking water fill-up station was installed. Staff also pruned back trees to improve panoramic views.

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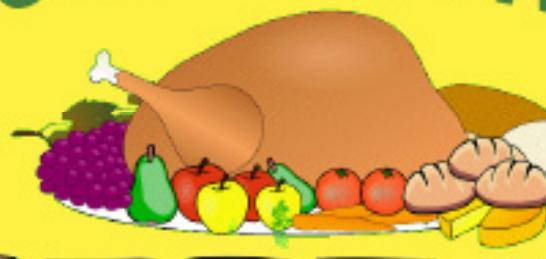


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Highlander news

MNR agreement moves forward

By Lisa Harrison
Contributing writer

Algonquin Highlands is another step closer to the relocation of the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) fire management headquarters to the Haliburton/ Stanhope Airport.

Council passed the necessary bylaw authorizing signature of the letter of intent (LOI) for the lease agreement during its regular Nov. 21 meeting.

According to the LOI, the lease agreement is for approximately eight acres (32,374.9 square metres) over a 20-year term beginning the earlier of October 1, 2015 or upon building occupancy. The annual fee will be \$64,749.80 based on \$2 per square metre of rentable area of the leased lands and a non-exclusive easement for water drainage. Any increase that may result from re-measurement or final measurement of the leased lands is capped at two per cent of this base fee.

The agreement includes a clause to adjust the commencement and expiration dates if the project is delayed due to failure by the landlord (township) to complete its work. That work includes land preparation and site drainage as well as demolition or

relocation/reconstruction of the existing T-hangar and any environmental studies related to the hangar work. It also includes "additional work" for which the MNR will pay \$275,000 including HST, such as geotechnical work, a taxiway design and an archeological study.



File photo

receiving federal and provincial approval by Dec. 31 for a scope change to the Build Canada Fund grant for all work done to that date. The grant was originally provided to install a cross-wind runway. The township's scope change request is currently with the federal government.

Reeve Carol Moffatt thanked chief administrative officer Angie Bird for the "tremendous amount of work" she expended to secure the LOI in discussions with Infrastructure Ontario (the provincial realty corporation), the MNR and lawyers, among others.

Dysart in brief

Ministry says no to lower speed on Hwy 118

Dysart council's request to have the speed limit along Highway 118 east from Bayshore Road reduced from 60 to 50 kilometres per hour has been rejected by the Ministry of Transportation (MOT). After carrying out a field review of the road in the area the MOT has deemed the current 60 kph limit as adequate. The request for a drop in the speed limit was brought to council by Ward 1 councillor Andrea Roberts at the August municipal meeting.

Dysart chooses vote-by-mail tabulators

Dysart et al council has entered into an agreement to lease two ImageCast vote-by-mail tabulators to count the ballots in the upcoming 2014 municipal elections. Leased from Dominion Voting, the system will speed up ballot counting and reduce the number of staff required to be on duty during the election. Councillors opted for this method instead of using on-line voting, following discussions at a previous council meeting.

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Editorial opinion

Dreaming Big

There's big news coming out of Bent Nose Media this week that's got everyone in the town talking.

Charlie Teljeur and Wayde Greer have been working on a documentary for the last two years about Haliburton's link to hockey and the NHL. Greer admits the project started off almost like a brochure to promote Haliburton – hey, look at all the great players that have come from our town! – but it's since grown into something much bigger.

They dug deeper into the history of the sport here, looked into Hockey Haven, and found out about the real influences this place has had on hockey players from all over North America. The final cut of the film, according to Greer, makes the case that Haliburton could be the real birthplace of hockey.

Take that, Windsor Nova Scotia.

The only way to share that story, they thought, was to go big. Really big. Like, 40-foot movie screen big.

So on the first weekend of the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships – which I won't get into today – Head Lake Park will be shut down for Hockey Night in Haliburton, an outdoor movie premiere event hosted by TSN's James Duthie.

You'll read more about the event itself in the newspaper this week, but suffice it to say these guys dream big, and they believe they can pull it off, too.

They've got to do some serious organizing and planning in the next two months, not least of which will involve trying to figure out how to seat the expected 2,000-3,000 people in Head Lake Park, and where to house all the VIPs – the who's who of the hockey world – during their stay here in Haliburton.

It would have been easier to launch the movie in Toronto at a film festival, complete with red carpet and warm, cozy theatre. But Greer told me that just wouldn't have been Haliburton. It wouldn't feel right.

The county needs more of these kinds of events. It's huge, will bring people to the county, and will thrust us into the national – and international – spotlight. But more than that, it's authentic. The organizers are people who understand why that's important, know there will be challenges along the way, and decide to move ahead anyway.

Sure, they could have looked at the lack of parking around Head Lake Park and said it can't be done – they are planning for almost 3,000 people at the event after all. Instead they decided to figure how to make it work. Yes, that's going to be hard and no, I don't know exactly how they're going to pull it off, but if they do, it's proof that solutions-oriented thinking can work in the Highlands.

What's more, it shows that just because we're in Haliburton, that doesn't mean we have to dream small. We should have plans on hand so that it's not nearly so hard next time someone wants to bring thousands of people into the park.

Dysart council immediately supported the event and offered to help any way they could, which is great. But when this is done they need to look at ways to continue to encourage these types of large scale events, because as the reeve said to me, you just can't buy this type of promotion.



By Matthew Desrosiers

One more year

In a few weeks, the reeves and deputy reeves of the Highlands – county council – will decide who will be warden for 2014. On its face it's a straightforward and very civilized process; generally, the reeves take turns. There are exceptions, for example when Murray Fearrey stayed on an extra year to provide continuity and experience during the economic meltdown a couple of years back.

There is also campaigning, though you'd never see it. Just as the pines whisper to each other through the winter winds, so too are alliances formed, favourites chosen, in quiet conversations around our towns. Though lacking transparency, this back channel process has the advantage of shielding the public from the potential spectacle of personal rivalries being played out in council chambers. That's what we typically call politics and it's a good lesson for those trying to influence any of our councils: if you go into a public meeting and don't know the outcome beforehand, you've already lost.

Losing, or rather not being selected for a second term as warden, is clearly on the mind of the office's current occupant. At the dinner she hosted earlier this month, Warden Carol Moffatt spoke about having her term expire just as she was hitting her stride. True, while Fearrey and fellow long-time reeve Dave Burton have enough experience to wear the chain of office as comfortably as a wristwatch, Moffatt is just getting started.

And an interesting start it's been. Moffatt is not your typical politician, but a walking contradiction reflective of the county itself: a blend of attributes that anywhere else would get you thrown off the bus but a combination that, like that of the Highlands itself, creates pure magic. In a place reputed to have high levels of poverty and low levels of education, entrepreneurship, innovation and volunteerism thrive. Moffatt mirrors these dichotomies that drive the unique dynamism of Haliburton County.

Confident and fiercely proud of the Highlands, the warden manages to wield a strong intellect, broad education and worldly outlook with humility and self-awareness. She is deeply respectful of the traditions and people who make up Haliburton County, conservative in her advocacy for preservation

yet progressive in looking for new opportunities that fit with our lifestyle and values. Her refreshing directness (when it's not slightly unnerving), her grasp of the issues and sheer gusto give the county something we didn't even know we were missing: a voice.

Wardens past have tended to look inwards, focused on the efficient delivery of county services and effective financial administration, two important but not the only objectives. Moffatt has taken the role of warden to an entirely new level. She provides the kind of leadership we need for this century, one that includes advocacy and a sense of purpose, as well as a sense of urgency. She has brought us to the start of our journey into the next phase of our political and economic existence.

And it's time. We've been milling about the station for decades, mulling the destination board with a trepidation borne of isolation, timidity and lack of skills. Moffatt may not yet know our route in full, but she has what no other candidate offers us, the ability to inspire us to choose a direction, move beyond our comfort zone and seize the future.

Something indeed is happening in the Highlands. It's hard to pinpoint, but there was clearly a bit more spring in our step this summer, coinciding, perhaps coincidentally but perhaps not, with Tourism Director Amanda Ranson's first major initiatives. Of course Moffatt can't take credit for recruiting Ranson, someone more qualified for that position than we've ever had, but Ranson represents the same ethos: upping our game, because good enough just isn't anymore.

As the embodiment of the contradictions that make the Highlands the unexpectedly dynamic place that it is, Moffatt is an unexpected asset. We may have stumbled upon her as a leader, her colleagues electing her as warden merely because it was her turn, but now that we see this potential we would be foolish to cut it off before the full measure of it can be taken.

Let's give her another year, and see what Warden Moffatt can do.



By Bram Lebo

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Letters to the editor

Residents happy with LTC

Dear editor,

Regarding the headline "Ministry writes up long-term care homes" (see The Highlander, issue 107, pg.1), I thought it was important to clarify some issues for the readers.

The headline has a punitive flavour whereas the inspection from the ministry is part of an inspection process. All long-term care homes in the province have, or should have, regular Ministry of Health inspections. Some of these are scheduled, some are unannounced and some are triggered by critical incidents, which was the case in the two incidents discussed in the article. These critical incidents are reported to the ministry by the director of care. The ministry then investigates and makes recommendations to the home which could potentially avoid similar incidents in the future.

In the cases cited the homes being found non-compliant with ministry regulations does not imply that the homes showed willful neglect. In these cases, the term non-compliance describes a shortfall in documentation, more specifically absence of an updated written care plan reflecting recent concerns. In my opinion, the staff's failure to complete this documentation is the result of the same Ministry of Health dictating meager staffing levels province wide. I will provide you with a local example. Currently on nightshift at Highland Wood, 30 residents are the responsibility of one RPN and one PSW. Most of these 30 residents have mobility issues requiring assistance for

transfers to bed or to bathroom. The same RPN bears the responsibility of fire safety for the entire building (hospital and long-term care) if an alarm sounds. The same RPN has responsibility for administering medications to all 30 residents and updating care plans, the documents cited by the ministry inspection. In response to media attention such as the long-term care exposé on W5, rather than improving staffing levels through enhanced funding, the Ministry of Health hired 100 more inspectors. Haliburton Highlands Health Services continues to struggle with competing interests of balancing the budgets in Highland Wood and Hyland Crest, ensuring sufficient staffing levels to provide high quality care for all residents and meeting the ministry's long-term care regulations.

I am in two long-term care homes regularly and hear from families about the good care provided to their loved one. Good care is the norm in these homes. I hear from long-term care colleagues around the province that staffing issues, lack of beds for patients with behavioural challenges, and significant complexity of patient care is challenging everywhere. We need now, more than ever, to support the hard-working staff in these homes and refocus on all the good that they accomplish while we continue to advocate for more appropriate long-term care funding.

Sincerely,

Tina Stephenson MD
Medical Director, Highland Wood
Medical Director, Extendicare Haliburton

LETTERS

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Nature's symphony

Have you ever stopped and taken time to really listen to the sounds of the bush? No, I mean really, really listen, until you think your ear lobes might fall off. The experience is almost surreal, or hyper real at least, as you tune out from the general white noise of everyday life and tune in to the forest that surrounds you. It has a magic that elevates your senses and reconnects you to nature in a way that no casual ramble through the countryside could ever do.

Now, I know that some of you don't agree with hunting but it is my relatively recent interest in this pastime that has afforded me the chance to 'eavesdrop on the forest' and really listen to the birds and creatures that surround us'.

I keep using the word 'really' and I guess that's because in today's fast moving world (yes, even here in Haliburton County) we don't often really take the time to listen. However, during my first year as a deer hunter I had plenty of time. I spent near on an entire week just sat in the bush. I sat and I listened, straining my ears, all of my senses in fact, for the snapping of a twig, the rustle of leaves that might signal the approach of a deer, and, during that process I got to

experience the music of the forest.

The blue jays were amongst the loudest; descending upon a stand of maple with a maniacal chatter. Their shocking blue plumage was almost as raucous as their wide vocabulary, which bounced off of tree and rock to become all encompassing to this perhaps overly alert novice hunter. Other birds, chickadee, woodpecker and grey jay visited me as I sat as quietly as possible in the middle of the forest. They all seemed to know that I was there long before I heard them, as did the raven who "cronked" a good morning as he flew slowly overhead; the mesmeric swishing of his wings adding to the symphony that surrounded me.

As I sat I thought about many things but all the while my senses were on high alert. I checked in front and behind, left and right; peering through a tangle of maple saplings, their tops chewed off by moose; over a valley carpeted red, brown and gold by fallen leaves; through pine fronds and hemlock branches; across a grassy swamp; or up a winding creek, its ever present movement a background gurgle that seemed to distil the air. I strained hard to see further, better, to see that deer but all the while my gut told me

Photo of the week



Photo by Walt Griffin

Minden moose on the loose behind Canadian Tire.

Hospital tops

Dear editor,

My husband had occasion to go to emergency at Haliburton Hospital twice at the end of October. On the second occasion he was admitted for three days. As there was no space in the hospital, he remained in emergency for the duration of this stay.

We would like to say what an amazing staff our hospital has. The doctors and the nurses were professional, knowledgeable, as well as being kind and compassionate in the midst

of a situation which was frightening for both of us.

We wish to convey our thanks to all the staff in emergency for making my husband's stay so comfortable with excellent care.

How very blessed we are to live in a community with this calibre of medical care.

Yours very truly,
Doug and Mary Turner
Algonquin Highlands

The Outsider



By Will Jones

that when the time came I'd hear the animal before I saw it.

Then came the rustle in the leaves. My heart raced, my senses went into overdrive. I couldn't see anything but the rustle came again, loud and off to the left. I slowly swung around, silently clicking the safety on my rifle off. I waited an eternity, not daring to breathe, the sound of my heartbeats seeming to almost drown out the noise of the forest.

And then, there it was, standing defiantly not 15 feet away. The red squirrel looked straight at me, chattered in annoyance and then went back to foraging in the leaf litter for its winter food store.

I sat down in a heap, my state of high alert knocked out of me for a few minutes at least. But I sat down smiling, realizing the words of a friend, who had cautioned that 'when you're out in the bush hundreds of things sound like a deer, until you actually hear a deer'.

Later in the week, after many more of these false alarms, I was lucky enough to sit silently as two moose strode by without noticing me. I marvelled at their size but also their dexterity when walking through the bush. They made far less noise than I had

done just an hour previous along that same path. I was also enchanted by a smaller critter, a chipmunk. The curious little fellow, wondering what I was doing in his manor, hopped right onto my boot. And, after experiencing an eerie sense of being watched, I discovered an owl gazing down serenely upon me from a tall branch.

I didn't kill a deer. I didn't even see one but I listened intently to the sounds of the forest for a long time. I heard the creatures like never before. I listened to the weather as it blew sun, rain and snow over my head and all around me. And I listened to the trees, at times their creaks and moans made me feel I could actually hear them growing. I became fully aware of the nature that surrounds us here in our semi-wilderness and I feel richer for the experience.

So I urge you, go listen, really listen to the forest. Let your senses revel in it and become overwhelmed because it is a wonderful experience and one that many people in this world are not privy to.

Highlander opinion

Eye on the street: *What did you think of the Santa Claus parade?*



Cullen Johnston

West Guilford

I like parades but I wasn't there this year. Usually all my friends are there so I hang out with them.

Darcee Sipe

Haliburton

I only saw little bits and pieces. They need to be more decorated if they're going to be in the parade.



Joyce McDonald

Haliburton

I like going to the parade. I'm disappointed I couldn't go this year, but somebody at work with kids said it was fun.

Jason Glecoff

Haliburton

It doesn't change much. It was nice. My kids enjoyed it.



Maureen Rogers

Haliburton

It was awesome. They did a good job this year. It was nice that everything was cleaned off so the kids could sit on the side.

Photos and interviews by Matthew Desrosiers

OPP proposal could cost municipalities

New formula spreads policing costs evenly across province starting in 2015

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

A new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) billing model has county politicians crying foul.

Currently municipalities only cover the cost of calls for services, according to Rick Philbin, commander of the OPP's municipal policing bureau. He said the current model doesn't take into account administration costs, supervision, infrastructure, and other components of crime prevention that are not reactive, or calls for service.

The result is some municipalities, the busier ones, paying almost \$1,000 per household in policing costs, while others pay as little as \$9 per household, he said.

"Those [busier] municipalities have been screaming," Philbin said. "The high cost, why is that? That's why the auditor general (2012 Auditor General's report) came back with that recommendation that we look at [the billing model]."

Philbin said the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) told the OPP their membership wanted the model to be reviewed as well.

"That's what we did," he said. "We're trying to bring everybody closer to the middle."

The new billing model shares the cost of policing across all 324 municipalities.

"The problem with the current [model] is that it doesn't take into account the administration, supervision, that component of crime prevention and law enforcement," he said. "All of that stuff is stuff we have to provide, but not necessarily does our current model pick up that stuff to ensure people are paying for that."

"The concept of the new model is that municipalities, responsible for providing policing services and funding, are going to pay for that basic infrastructure."

The OPP have said the cost for all municipalities under the new billing model would be approximately \$369 per household.

To put that into perspective, currently Algonquin Highlands pays around \$76 per household, or \$344,000 per year in policing costs. Under the new model, the cost would jump to around \$1.2 million. That doesn't include an estimated \$70,000 or more in calls for service, said Carol Moffatt, Haliburton County's warden and reeve of Algonquin Highlands.

Moffatt said she acknowledges that her township currently doesn't pay very much compared to other municipalities in policing costs, but full equalization

doesn't make sense.

"To go from [\$344,000 per year] to an \$829,000 increase without any discussion is criminal," she said. "No one can think that's fair or equitable."

"It's outrageous."

Moffatt said she was advised that would equate to a 25 per cent increase in the tax levy.

"It's not like the OPP are saying we're going to implement these new strategies that will increase the effectiveness of policing. That's tripling our costs without improved or increased services."

The OPP have been working on the new model since March 2013. Over the summer they randomly selected 65 municipalities to provide feedback on what they would like to see in the new model. Philbin said the 65 municipalities included those across the entire policing cost spectrum. The Highlander requested a list of those municipalities selected for the process but did not receive it as of press time.

Afterwards a survey was sent to all 324 municipalities providing options of different billing models. Moffatt said Algonquin Highlands did not receive that survey.

While she understands that some municipalities are going to be thankful for the new model and see significant reductions in their policing costs, she said equalization will put Haliburton County in a very tough spot financially.

"What we're going to do, I don't know," Moffatt said. "Our only choice is

to undertake some kind of lobby. There has to be some way to reach other rural municipalities... We need to be heard."

The OPP is currently holding engagement sessions across the province to receive feedback from municipalities across the province.

"We understand [the cost]," Philbin said. "We want to hear from that municipality. That's why we're doing these engagement sessions."

Philbin said the cost of policing will double where he lives, increasing by \$150 per household.

"I'm convinced our municipality can afford that," he said. "It's a big number, but at the end of the day that's \$150 per year. How much do you pay for cable?"

Moffatt said it's not that simple.

"There would be some very very tough choices to make," she said. "If we were faced with no other option but to find that money... you'd be looking at [cutting] the soft services. Those are all culture and nature. That's not the community I want to live in."

"It would put us in a situation of minimum existence as opposed to trying to build a community and that's not someplace I want to be."

It is still unclear whether municipalities will receive mitigation funding from the province to assist with the cost increase. Philbin could not say whether or not the new model would be phased in, but it comes into effect in 2015.



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Highlander news



Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays firefighters battle a blaze near Oxtongue Lake that started in the early morning.

BBQ blow-up destroys building

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

It took 20 firefighters almost 12 hours to put out a fire near Oxtongue Lake on Nov. 20.

The Algonquin Highlands fire department responded to a call at 5:45 a.m., along with firefighters from Lake of Bays, to 4575 Highway 60. They were on scene until 6 p.m.

"It was a propane issue," said Algonquin Highlands fire chief John Hogg. "Somebody was starting a barbecue in the middle of the night because there was no power."

The building had just been sold and hydro had been

disconnected during the transition period. The current owner was inside and lit a barbecue. The propane tank was leaking and it started the fire. The man was burned but was released from hospital that day.

Hogg said the building was destroyed.

"It was a heavy log structure," he said. "Since it had a good start, the [metal] roof caved in long before the walls did, so we had to bring in heavy excavators to get the heavy roof off and get water to the hotspots."

"The fire was defensive right from the very first minute."

The fire marshal arrived on scene to conduct his investigation. Hogg said there was no cause for suspicion of arson.

Photo by Marlene Kyle and Bob Hilsher



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November 28

9:00 am, Committee of Adjustment meeting,
Minden Hills Council Chambers

December 10

5:30 pm, Events Advisory Committee
meeting

December 11

10:00 am, Finance Advisory Committee
meeting, Boardroom

December 12

9:00 am, COTW/Regular Council meeting,
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(public session 10:00 am)

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Holiday Safety Tips from the Fire Chief

The holidays are approaching and we would
like to remind everyone of a few
safety tips for the home:

- An artificial tree that has been tested to show noncombustible material would be a safer option
- Tree ornaments/decorations should be made of noncombustible material
- Ensure your tree and other holiday lights are CSA approved
- Be sure to check for any deterioration, loose wires or faulty connections
- Do not use candles or open flames on or near your Christmas tree
- Do not block your emergency exits with decorations



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In honour of Dr. Agnes Jamieson's wish, this is a non-juried opportunity for members of the gallery to show their most recent artwork. Members are allowed one piece per media that they work in. Entry forms can be found on the Cultural Centre website. Visitors are encouraged to vote in the People's Choice Award, selecting one of their favourite pieces. Winning artists will receive their next year's membership free. New this year, the winner will also be given a 'mini' exhibition the following year at the Members' Show. This year Harvey Walker will be exhibiting his work.

Documentary Query

Know of a dynamo/interesting documentary you've recently viewed on YouTube or a Ted Talk? This coming winter the newly renovated Common Room will be equipped with new multi-media capabilities. So to 'while-away' the winter evenings we hope to have a few nights that break the bleakness and create some interesting dialogue from viewing different kinds of documentary-like videos.

Email us at gallery@mindenhill.ca with your suggestion and we will keep an ongoing list.

Dates to be announced on our website.

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See page 28 for an additional ads

Christmas In the Highlands



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Highlander news

Dysart's plan to manage roads, bridges and sewers

By Will Jones
Contributing writer

The cost of maintaining the road and sewage infrastructure within Dysart et al over the next decade has been estimated at over \$10 million, according to an asset management plan put forward by engineer D.M. Wills Associates.

Commissioned by the municipality six months ago, the company has been working with Dysart's director of public works, Brian Nicholson, and treasurer, Barbara Swannell, to put together a service and maintenance plan for roads, bridges and storm and sanitary sewers for the next 10 years. The upshot of this is a report which grades infrastructure

according to its current state of repair and provides proposals of how to structure future works to best spread the cost of maintenance over the allotted time frame.

The municipality's roads make up the largest proportion of the costs involved – the plan estimating that they will require just over \$7,310,000 of repair and maintenance work over the next decade. D.M. Wills estimated these costs using the 2012 Roads Needs Study as a guideline and proposed budgeting \$700,000 each year for the next 10 years to pay for works required. This cost would mean a three per cent levy increase for roads over the time period.

The firm utilized 2012 OSIM Inspection data to assess the current condition of

Dysart's bridges and found that overall they were in reasonable shape. However, over the next decade it predicts that \$2,124,000 will be required to maintain them at the current level of repair. D.M. Wills put forward two scenarios to council – one that fully funded all work required and a second that relied upon grants to fund major projects. It favoured the latter, stating that council would show commitment by funding small repairs and 30 per cent of funding for large projects, while relying on outside help to make up costs of major works. This proposal would involve a 2.11 per cent increase in levy for bridges.

Dysart's sewers are relatively new, having been installed in two tranches in 1972 and

1998 (sewers have a life of 60 to 80 years). D.M. Wills estimates that no new sewers will be needed until 2027-32 and as such it is adequate to gradually build in a reserve to ensure that funds are available in the future. This reserve of around \$916,000 could be achieved by a one-time 0.4 per cent increase in the storm sewer levy and an annual two per cent increase in the ERU for five years for the sanitary sewer.

Council took note of the report and its recommendations at the regular November meeting. It will make a decision on methods of financing future service and maintenance of infrastructure at the December council meeting.

AH in brief

Dorset gets new welcome signs

Dorset will have new welcome signs on Highway 35 north and south and Muskoka Road 117 next year following approval by Algonquin Highlands council. The Dorset Community Projects Group submitted a design and has already purchased the three rocks on which "Dorset" will be engraved along with the community's two earlier names dating back to 1859. "It seems important to the community that they recognize the historical background of the community," said Gord Henderson, Ward 1 councillor. Henderson said the signs will be installed next year during a ceremony marking the occasion.



Photo by Lisa Harrison
Algonquin Highlands Water Trails office.

Water trails year-end report

The Algonquin Highlands Water Trails experienced their best May, August and October this year, according to Algonquin Highlands staff. Frost Centre area revenues declined by five per cent due to April flooding and closure of the Sherborne Lake access road and the delay in reopening the road (July 20), staff reported. However, Poker Lakes attendance continues to grow with an 11 per cent revenue increase this year. Group and youth attendance by camper night ranged from a 3.4 per cent to 16 per cent increase, which staff called "further evidence of a recovering economy and increased tourism in the area."

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Galleries offer great shows and unique gifts

'Tis the time of year to be looking for Christmas gifts. But if you're tired of the same old, same old, our two biggest art galleries, the Agnes Jamieson in Minden and the Rails End in Haliburton not only feature visual artistic delights, but also unique items in their gift stores.

At the present time the AJG is featuring the annual show by members of the gallery. Member shows are a great way to see various pieces from local artists without having to do a studio tour. Lois Raw has entered an unusual piece for her. It's an acrylic called 'Water Falling'. It shows a fine spray of water which has misted a waterfall and the rocks over which it rushes.

The drops of suspended water are caught at various angles and illuminated by an unseen source. Stylistically it's a departure for Raw because the colours are muted and the piece has a Cubist look.

Rose Pearson has contributed a spectacularly colourful and well-composed acrylic and oil canvas called 'Kennisis Lake through Leaves'. The yellow and brown leaves, almost photographic in their depiction, are seemingly illuminated with their own internal light source.

Shelley Beach's wonderful landscape called 'On a clear day you can see forever' is rendered in a semi-abstract style, while Barb Ballantyne has entered the watercolour 'Going South' which shows Canada geese in flight above a background of fall colours.

Joe Smith's contribution is a crystal-clear photograph of a French laneway. In a timeless scene, the point of view, from below, shows a villager leaning out of her upper window. The light seeping down the laneway caresses the sandstone-yellow buildings with varying degrees of intensity. Called 'The Observer' Joe's piece has already found a happy purchaser.

When you go to the members show be sure to cast your vote for your favourite piece. The artist whose piece gets the most votes receives the 'People's Choice Award.' This year curator Laurie Carmount has decided that award winners will get their own show, so previous winner Harvey Walker has 29 pieces in the main room. One of his strongest is the whimsical 'Summer Forgotten,' which is a rendering of a forlorn abandoned cabin where a lacy curtain blows through an open window. It's reminiscent of an Andrew Wyeth. Walker



By George Farrell

is definitely an artist to keep an eye on.

While most of the works in the members show are acrylics, oils and watercolours, Jean Farrell's reddish-brown mohair throw is a wonderfully soft and tactile diversion, and would make a very special Christmas gift. The member's show runs until Dec. 21.

The AJG gift shop also has many items; from cards to books, less expensive art pieces, pottery and handmade jewellery for sale. If you're looking for something unusual the gift shop is a very good option.

At the Rails End Gallery 'Synthesis 11' is comprised of small quilts presented as art. It's on the display in the big room

until January 11, 2014. 'Synthesis 11' is an eye-catching exhibition that combines the work of 16 Canadian members of Studio Art Quilt Associations, and it's a must-see for anyone who appreciates fine craftsmanship coupled with outstanding design. 'Curtain Call' by Elaine Quehl, and 'Red Soap Bubbles' by Marie-France Gosselin especially caught my eye.

The lower level room of the Rail's End is presently displaying 'Natures Bold Surrender' the work of Anna Whitmore. Her pieces remind me of those post-apocalyptic landscapes of the kind seen on the covers of science fiction or fantasy books. The images, some portraying blood-red sunsets and dead trees, are almost horrifying in their bleakness and apparent lack of life.

In an artist statement Whitmore says that "Nature celebrates its endings." While this may be true it could be argued that Nature is kinder in doing so. However Whitmore's images are visually powerful and reveal a side of the artist that might have enough depth from which to draw continued inspiration. Her show, like Walker's at the AJG, is also running until Dec. 21.

Much of the art adorning the walls in both galleries is for sale, but for Christmas shopping specifically, the art gallery gift shops offer a wider variety of items. The Rails End Gallery gift shop is especially festooned with beautiful and unique handmade items. For \$5 you can also buy a ticket which could win you a magnificent holiday gift basket.

In addition to our two biggest galleries, the Ethel Curry gallery and The Art Hive also feature many affordable gift items for sale.



'Going South' by Barb Ballantyne.

Library benefits from intern

By Lisa Harrison

Contributing writer

Amanda Wilk spends part of her day surrounded by books in the quiet back office of the Dysart branch of the Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL).

She's in her element.

During her tenure, the 25-year-old intern has turned her love of books toward developing an early literacy program, a Shakespeare Club and several other projects that have benefitted the HCPL.

A Bracebridge resident, Wilk attended Trent University for her Bachelor of Arts degree in human geography and anthropology. She then completed a Master's degree in library and information studies at Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia.

"Books were really my greatest passion and had remained so," says Wilk. "And that was really what made me look at library school, where I realized, 'Why wouldn't I want a career where I could work with books every day?'"

"And the other thing [was]...I wanted a job where I knew that things wouldn't be the same every day when I went into work and I could always be learning something new."

Wilk joined HCPL in May 2012 when a temporary fill-in job became available. HCPL then successfully applied for a \$25,000 grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) for a one-year internship (including training, mileage and equipment) to develop six projects. When the internship was posted, Wilk formally applied and interviewed for it.

Funded by FedDev Ontario through HCDC, the internship program enables organizations to hire secondary and post-secondary graduates. The graduates receive valuable skills with the objective of longer-term employment, according to Patti Tallman, HCDC's community economic development and operations manager.

Wilk's early literacy program Babies First Books provides singing, story reading and finger plays for children from 0 to 18 months of age and their guardians. The current

program runs Friday mornings until Dec. 20 at the Dysart branch in Haliburton.

The Shakespeare Club plays on a second love of Wilk's for the legendary writer's works. Participants view topics such as generational gaps through the lens of Shakespeare's plays. The club meets every third Thursday, ending Nov. 28 for the season.

The intern has also provided training for the community on the use of computers and e-books and, where needed, is training staff in the various technologies used by the library.

Wilk's latest project is the Collaborative Learning Space at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, an informal drop-in centre where students can receive study support. Launching Dec. 3, the program will run Tuesdays between school and driver's education. Foodland will provide free snacks.

"Some of what Amanda has offered we knew were gaps in service and have been really well received, thereby increasing the visibility of the library and what it has to offer," says Bessie Sullivan, HCPL's chief executive officer and county librarian.

"Of course our biggest concern is being able to sustain the programming, but we feel that the hardest part is figuring out what the program should be and getting it set up."

Internships benefit more than library programming, Sullivan adds. Wilk's internship is the library's second. The first demonstrated the need for a permanent role, and the library was able to hire that intern for the permanent position.

"HCDC's support of these kinds of internships means that we have had a venue to professionally train qualified local applicants in a profession that has very limited job opportunities," says Sullivan, emphasizing 'local'.

"The job market for librarians is a Catch-22 – employers want experience, but of course people can't get experience if no one will hire them. This has been the best of all worlds for us. We can provide the professional experience and mentoring and at the same time get skilled help with fresh ideas and tons of enthusiasm."

Wilk's internship ends March 31, 2014.

Haliburton County's Hot Reads

The following are popular new additions to the Haliburton County Public Library's collection this week.

HCPL's TOP FICTION

1. *White fire* by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
2. *King and Maxwell* by David Baldacci
3. *Dust* by Patricia Cornwell

HCPL's TOP NON-FICTION

1. *The Rovers Return: Coronation St. official companion* by Tim Randall
2. *The Great Canadian Bucket List: one-of-a-kind travel experiences* by Robin Esrock
3. *Fighting Back: the Chris Nilan story* by Chris Nilan

Library News

Are you an HHSS student? Are you looking for some homework help? Join the Collaborative Learning Space on Tuesday, Dec. 3, 10 and 17 at 3:30 p.m. in the Seminar Room at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. For more information contact Amanda Wilk at 705-457-2241 or awilk@haliburtonlibrary.ca

HCPL's TOP JUNIOR TITLES

1. *Frosty the Snowman* illustrated by Wade Zahares, performed by Kenny Loggins (Picture book + CD)
2. *Warriors: the ultimate guide* by Erin Hunter (JF)

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2. *Stella Bain: a novel* by Anita Shreve (Book on CD)



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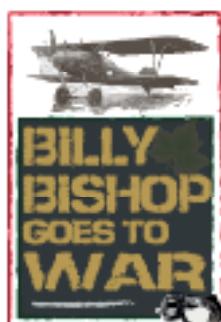
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"The Last Resort" is an off-the-wall, madcap, murder mystery musical comedy with book by Norm Foster and music and lyrics by Leslie Arden. A group of apparent strangers are staying the night in Saskatchewan's Last Resort, a hotel in the middle of nowhere that will serve as the perfect hideout for mob informant Nick Galeazzo. On the run with FBI agent Angela Miller, Nick is paranoid and assumes that every other guest in the hotel is out to kill him.



Written and composed by John Gray in collaboration with Eric Peterson. Since its first staging in 1978, *Billy Bishop Goes to War* has become one of the most popular and oft-produced theatrical works in Canada's history. Anchored by its haunted hero and his clear-eyed memories of war's tragedies and black comedies, this award-winning musical

creation is given extra resonance by songs that are sometimes raucous, sometimes mournful, but always steeped in the realities of wartime. Experience *Billy Bishop* and connect body and soul with a formative part of Canada's history as the world marks the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War.

Conceived by Thom Currie
It's the Summer of 1973 and four old friends have snuck away from their 10th high school reunion and broken into their old hangout. As they contemplate their lives and the future, the four look back upon their high school years and remember the music of their youth. What follows is a rollicking non-stop journey through over seventy top-ten hits from 1959 through 1963. A wonderful celebration of the biggest top-ten hits of the late fifties and early sixties.



Andrew Rally seems to have it all: celebrity and acclaim from his starring role in a hit television series; a rich, beautiful girlfriend; a glamorous, devoted agent; the perfect New York apartment; and the chance to play Hamlet in Central Park. There are, however, a couple of glitches in paradise. Andrew's series has been cancelled; his girlfriend is clinging to her virginity with unfaltering conviction; and he has no desire to play Hamlet. When Andrew's agent visits him, she reminiscences about her brief romance with John Barrymore many years ago, in Andrew's apartment. This prompts a chance to summon Barrymore's ghost. The laughs are nonstop as Andrew wrestles with his conscience, Barrymore, his sword, and his opening night as Hamlet in Central Park.



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Drop in and say hello



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Highlands East councillor Steve Kauffeldt leads the Cardiff table's discussion at a cultural planning meeting on Nov. 21.

Community gathers to talk culture, economy

By Matthew Desrosiers
 Editor

What are a community's cultural assets, and how do we leverage those into economic development?

On Nov. 21, approximately 30 members of the Highlands East community gathered at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce to tackle those questions.

Tables were split into several communities, including Harcourt, Highland Grove, Wilberforce, Tory Hill, Gooderham, Cardiff, and Irondale, for residents to share stories of the area's history and also identify some assets that should be included in the cultural plan. It was also an opportunity to share ideas about how the municipality can take advantage of those assets.

"Part of this is economic development," said Jim Blake, cultural planning project coordinator for Highlands East. "Anybody who wants to create a tour, wants to do an article, needs to do research, all those sources are there. It's also really good for the municipality when they're doing planning."

The process has been underway since early summer. Adele Espina, cultural assets and mapping coordinator, has been travelling around the municipality collecting information and identifying the tangible, or physical, assets of the community. Intangible assets, like stories about the area's history, are also being recorded.

Pam Sayne is the cultural planning facilitator for Highlands East. Her job is to use that information to create a report for councillors.

"When you recognize what your assets are, then you can begin to say how can we turn these into economic incentives or economic means of supporting the community," she said. "What are local assets we can highlight for income generation?"

Sayne used a community in Quebec as an example, where a small village with a population of 1,000 people had lilacs growing around the village. The residents planted more lilacs and started a festival, which is now known internationally and draws visitors from around the world every year.

A local example of taking advantage of these types of assets would be Greenmantle Farms, where naturally occurring mineral deposits are showcased via a mineral tour. While it doesn't generate big business for the owners, it does bring some money into the municipality.

According to Sayne, one of the biggest assets in Highlands East is its intricate trail network.

"Highlands East is very unique because of all the trails connecting historical communities. It's very exciting to see these trail developments that can be used for all sorts of trail users. We're going to be connected by a trip through the woods. That's kind of exciting and very unique."

Janet Barker is a Wilberforce resident who was at the planning meeting. She said at first she didn't understand what the organizers were trying to accomplish, which is why she attended.

"My overall take was simply that it was about economic development down the road, but I'm not sure how this is going to get us there," she said, adding that there

were a lot of ideas going around the tables. "I was very impressed by how many people showed up. I think it speaks to the interest local people have."

Barker said there were a variety of people at the meeting, including those who had been here forever and those who were new to the area.

"The thing that came through to me was how important it was to see the area do well and how much everyone loves it here."

Her table talked a lot about where they'd like to see the community go in terms of its development. One idea, though she admitted it was ambitious, was to build something similar to Upper Canada Village in Highlands East where residents could share the area's history and culture with visitors.

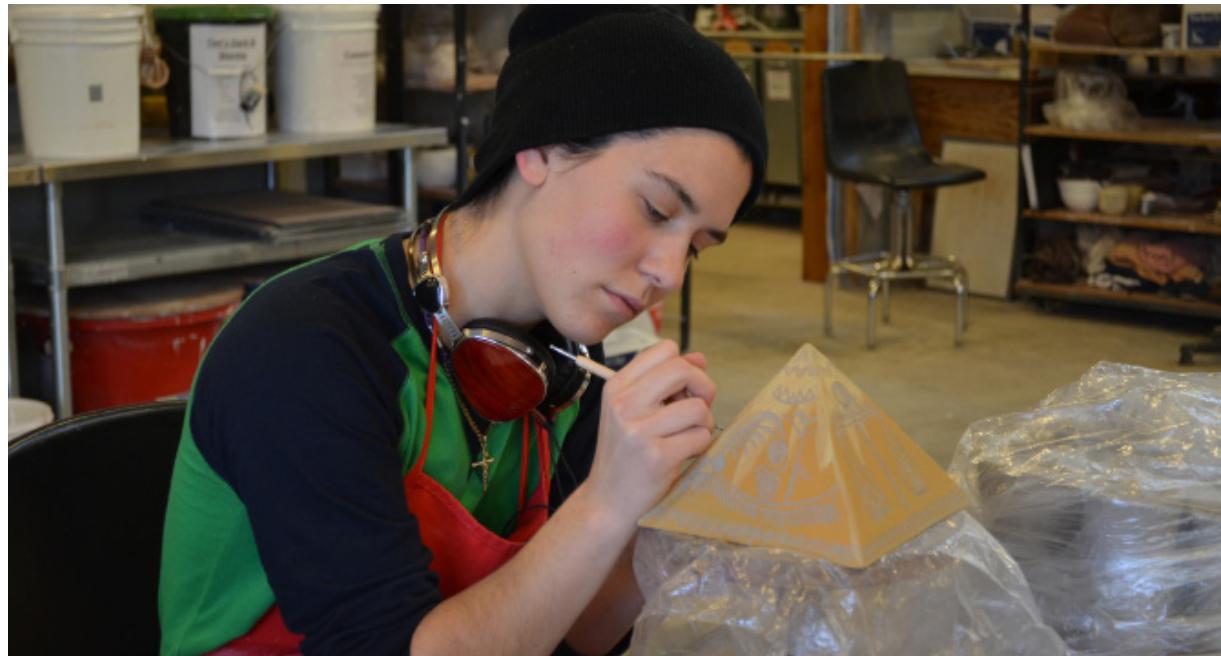
After the meeting, Barker said she was excited to see what council and the municipality do with the information.

"It would be a shame if it kind of just died. There was lots of enthusiasm and interest."

Sayne is still consulting with the public and collecting information. She will then create a report that council can use in the new year to develop its new cultural plan.

"We'll probably see funding proposals in the future at various levels of government, asking for information from the future cultural plan to justify grants," she said. "We see tourism as the leading development or economic incentive, but there are lots of other things to consider. We can't all be tourists and tourist destinations. We have to find ways communities are sustainable and can develop."

Highlander life



Photos by Sue Tiffin

Left: Terri Frew, a studio technician for the Jewellery Essentials program at Fleming College's Haliburton Campus, does a hands-on demonstration during Saturday's open house. Right: Ceramics student Lauren Bering creates art during Saturday's open house at Fleming College's Haliburton Campus.

Fleming opens doors to future students

By Sue Tiffin
Contributing writer

Faculty at Fleming College in Haliburton were happy with the number of students that came to the school's annual Fall Open House on Nov. 23 despite inclement weather in the south, and road shutdowns to the north.

"There were about 20 students who came to visit us," said Sandra Dupret, dean and principal of the college's Haliburton Campus. "That's on track with what we were expecting."

She added that although the Fall Open House generally has fewer participants than the Spring Open House, more people came than registered online in advance.

Wendy Ladurantaye of student support services said that several students were likely to stop by for personal tours at their own availability.

Elise Verikaitis of Toronto participated in Saturday's four-hour Open House as both a graduate of the popular Visual Creative Arts (V-CAD) program, and as a current student of the Fibre Arts program. She toured potential students past hands-on demonstrations and introduced them to instructors who teach a broad selection of courses in well-equipped classrooms.

Verikaitis, who said she likes the area for being a small, quieter town, said that the campus community is much like family.

"You get supported and you don't get that cutthroat competition here that you might

get at larger art schools. The teachers are really gifted and the students are prepared for it to be unique and intense."

Some of the intensity of the studies can be attributed to the ability to fast track through programs. These programs have been designed to allow students to complete two semesters of full-time studies in 15 weeks. One such program is the Artist Blacksmith program, which is unique to Fleming College as the only artist blacksmith program in Canada.

"It's an intensive program," said Welland native Joseph Honey who is enrolled in the Jewellery Essentials and Artist Blacksmith programs for January. "I'm just going to buckle down and get it done."

"It's affordable and I wanted to be a

blacksmith for the longest time," he said of his interest in the program. "I thought it was dead. I didn't think it was a profession anymore. Now, I want to see the campus and see what I'm getting into."

In between tours, Verikaitis said the ability to manipulate each course to suit your interests and skills adds to the intimacy of the programs and sets Fleming College apart.

"It's evolving all the time like an art school should," she said.

If you missed the open house but would like more information about the opportunities at Fleming College's Haliburton campus, contact Wendy Ladurantaye at 705-457-1680 ext. 6716.

Author puts police work into perspective

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

Haliburton author Michael Barnes wants children to develop a better understanding of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

"I'd like them, and their parents, to get a better idea of what police work is like," said Barnes, who recently released "Someone to Watch Over You", a children's book about the OPP. "We have to remember that the OPP is very visible in Ontario – it's the third largest deployed force in North America."

This is the first children's book that Barnes has written in the past 30 years.

"In this business, you look for a hole to fill," he said. "You look for something which is not there, which is in demand."

According to a press release, the 40-page book features five true-to-life stories where boys and girls interact with the police on a routine patrol, are involved in a hunt for a

lost girl, observe a drug bust, hunt fugitives with a police dog, and help an abused family. It also covers police training, and includes a tour of the OPP headquarters in Orillia and the museum.

In 1971, when Barnes worked in the education system as a supervising principal, he discovered that his school's library had very little literature on police work.

"We either had books on the RCMP or American board books with policemen with great big hats and big badges... but nothing Canadian," he explained. "I interested the commissioner of the OPP then to get his support, and I did the first children's book of the OPP."

Barnes is a Member of the Order of Canada in the literature category and an Honorary Inspector in the OPP. In total, he has authored five children's books about the OPP and two for an adult audience.

"I've probably written more police books



Photo by Mark Arike
Haliburton author Michael Barnes recently released "Someone to Watch Over You", a children's book about the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP).

than anyone I can think of."

The most dramatic policing book Barnes wrote is titled "Dedication to Duty: OPP Officers Who Died Serving Ontario".

"It was very traumatic to do, very disturbing," he said. "I got to meet a lot of the spouses [of deceased officers]."

Barnes points out that all of his policing books have received the OPP's stamp of

approval before being published.
"You couldn't do it otherwise."

As a writer, Barnes has authored 55 books in his time, 21 of which he wrote since moving to Haliburton in 1999.

"Someone to Watch Over You" is available in Haliburton at V&S Stedman's, Master's Book Store and the Haliburton County Public Library system.

Highlander life

From classroom to community

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

Six Grade 12 students are working to make a difference in their community, starting with the high school.

For the past few weeks, McKenzie Hill, Tanisha Gordon, Charlene Hicks, Jillian Hawley, Alisha Bishop, and Maggie Scheffee have been putting up posters around the school and talking to their friends about SIRCH Community Services.

"It's spreading the word around the school," said Hawley. "In a way, we're connecting from SIRCH to students in the high school. If we learn about [SIRCH], we can let them know. And if they want to get in contact with SIRCH, we're people they can come to if they don't know anyone else."

Hawley said SIRCH's services can really benefit youth, but she finds most students don't know where to go for the help they need. They've invited Nancy Brownsberger from SIRCH to attend the school's upcoming information fair.

"I think it's sad the unawareness of teenagers in our community that don't know about all these different programs for them," Hawley said. "Lots of them might feel lost and against everything, [and] they don't know there's all these supports for them."

That's why the group is trying to raise awareness in the school about SIRCH

and encourage others to donate to the organization through the Gifts from the Heart catalogue this holiday season.

"We've been mainly talking about [the Gifts from the Heart] catalogue," said Hicks. "It's great that it's near Christmas time because people are more open to giving."

She added that when people realize the money stays in Haliburton, it makes them want to give because the donation is more personal.

Bishop is really pushing the catalogue with her friends so their donations this season stay in the county. She said it's not wrong to support the international community, but it's important to help out locally, too.

"Here, all of the people turn a blind eye to what's happening in our community because we're just so used to it," she said.

Hawley agreed.

"Everyone wants to help the Philippines and Africa, and so many people want to go abroad and help these people, and they don't realize that in their own back yard there's so much poverty and need for help."

She said she was shocked when her mother told her Haliburton is one of the poorest communities in Ontario.

"I don't see it as much," she said. "It's a lot more in the shadows. It's so sad because they have to deal with that and hide it from everybody because it's a small community and they're afraid it will get around."

The girls want to encourage their colleagues to support SIRCH so that



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Nancy Brownsberger of SIRCH Community Services leads a discussion with six Grade 12 students at HHSS about the importance of giving locally. From left are Tanisha Gordon, Charlene Hicks, Jillian Hawley, and Nancy Brownsberger. Missing in the photo are McKenzie Hill, Maggie Scheffee, and Alisha Bishop who were also at the meeting.

everyone in the school, and throughout the community, can have a better Christmas and get the support they need throughout the year.

"It's wonderful [to give locally] because the people you're helping you could know

and see in the street, and see the impact you're making," said Hawley. "It's really special."

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Santa Claus parade 2013



Sun shines on Minden Santa

By Sue Tiffin
Contributing writer

Contrary to dismal weather forecasts, the sun was shining for hundreds of festive spectators to line the main streets of Minden and take in the annual Santa Claus Parade last on Nov. 23.

The parade lasted about half an hour and included more than 20 floats that rolled past residents as well as visitors from out of town. Despite a sighting of the Grinch, the crowd of all ages cheered for groups from local businesses, politicians, and members from clubs like the Haliburton County Historical Society and several churches that all participated in the holiday event.

Kids ran into the street for tossed candy, waved to costumed characters on floats, and hand delivered letters to Santa as he called out with cheer from his sleigh. Later they caught up with him at the Minden Cultural Centre to get a free photo on his lap and a cup of hot chocolate to warm up while Canoe FM entertained with Christmas carols.

“Trying to ho-ho-ho to everyone and wave to everyone almost wears you down,” said Santa. “But being on that sleigh is like being up on Cloud Nine. It’s a real pleasure.”

Top: Ten-year-old Amelia Austin rode her horse Serria from the Victoria Pony Club with confidence down Main Street. Above: Seven-year-old Ben Vermeulen made some noise as the Little Drummer Boy as he walked alongside the Allsaw Pentecostal Church float.

Photos by Sue Tiffin

Santa Claus parade 2013



Photos by Mark Arike

Top: The man of the hour, jolly old St. Nick, wishes Haliburton a Merry Christmas. Right: Local dancers with the Haliburton Dance Academy put on a show as they make their way along the parade route.

Santa comes to Haliburton

By Mark Arike
Staff writer

They didn't let the wet snowfall dampen their Christmas spirit.

On Nov. 22, dozens of local residents lined Highland Street for the annual Santa Clause Parade. The event featured 40 entries, including floats, marchers and bands.

Following the evening event, the public was welcomed to the Haliburton Legion for a spaghetti dinner provided by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary and Christmas music performed by Carl Dixon.

The event was organized by the Haliburton and District Lions Club and funded by the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA).



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Highlander sports



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Charlie Teljeur (left), Wayde Greer and Tammy Rea announced Hockey Night in Haliburton, a movie premiere event for the hockey documentary 'There's Something in the Water?', at McKeck's on Nov. 25. The event will garner national sports media attention from the likes of TSN's James Duthie.

Films in the park will celebrate Haliburton

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"As an average viewer, I really think the case is made that Haliburton could be the birthplace of hockey," Greer said.

The pair's business advisor said after two years developing the film, they needed to launch it in a big way. Thus Hockey Night in Haliburton was born.

"We're hoping for between 2,000 to 3,000 people," he said. "Our goal is to make it the biggest one-day event Haliburton has ever seen. I think we have the players on board to do that. When you look at James Duthie, the guy goes from hosting the Vancouver Olympics to come to Haliburton. That's a pretty big thing."

Greer said The Hockey News, the event's media sponsor, is sending 16 to 20 people for the event. TSN will also send their reporters, and he is confident many of the VIPs and celebrities that are featured in the film will come for the event as well.

Media Profile, one of the country's largest PR firms, is promoting the event free of charge because they cottage in the Highlands. The firm handles events like

Kraft Hockeyville.

A 40-foot screen will be set up in Head Lake Park with outdoor seating for the gathered crowd to watch the film's premiere. Hot chocolate will be served, and everyone who buys a \$20 ticket to the event will receive four free digital issues of The Hockey News.

"Also, we're giving back \$2 of every ticket sold to the minor hockey association," Greer said.

The event was presented to Dysart et al council on Nov. 25. Councillors agreed unanimously to support the event any way they can. Two councillors even volunteered, he said.

"That's support. That's this community, and I think that's what you get with this film now that I've seen it complete. We have to work harder up here, and this type of event is an example of that. There are some things that we have that can be looked at as negatives, but that's how we persevere and it makes us the community that we are."

Already 750 tickets have been pre-sold for Hockey Night in Haliburton.

Tammy Rea of Sticks & Stones

Productions has been working with Bent Nose Media throughout the development of the film. In conjunction with Hockey Night in Haliburton, she is launching a film contest for Haliburton's youth.

"We're going to ask you to tell us what it is about here that makes it ours," she said.

Entries should be between six seconds and two minutes in length. They will be viewed on the big screen prior to the premiere of the feature film, and will be presented by James Duthie. Participants can win up to \$2,500 worth of prizes.

Dysart et al reeve Murray Fearrey said the event is great and has his full support.

"I think it's probably the premiere event we've ever been able to hold," he said. "We have the ability to bring people here that are recognized nationally and internationally in the hockey world. I think we're going to see a number of those kinds of people in our community, and you can't buy that level of promotion and advertising."

He said it's hard to get his head around just how big this event could be and the opportunities that might come out of it.

Challenges include finding seating and

parking for the expected crowd. One possible solution Fearrey had was to use straw bales as benches. They're insulated and can be flipped over if it snows to get the dry side.

The other challenge is accommodations for all the out-of-town guests that will be coming. Already the hospitality establishments are full up from the pond hockey players. Fearrey said we may need to open our homes.

"I'm excited," he said. "We'll show them Haliburton hospitality. This is a real opportunity."

Despite the challenges of organizing the event over the next two months, Greer is confident they haven't bit off more than they can chew.

"We can pull this off and we will pull this off," he said. "It's a big story and we only get one chance to tell it."

Tickets are \$20 and will be up for sale on Dec. 2 at McKeck's in Haliburton, the tourism office in Minden, and will be for sale through Highland Storm hockey players. They can also be ordered online at www.hockeydocs.tv.

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Tom Prentice Trucking's Bantam AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Tom Prentice Trucking's Bantam AE Highland Storm may have finally turned a corner. In a week that started with one of the most devastating losses of the year, the team finished the weekend with two of its strongest. On Wednesday the Storm hosted the South Muskoka Bears. Because of our strong showing the last time we played them, it was an opportunity to give newly acquired back-up Ethan Howe a shot in net.

South Muskoka were first to strike but Devyn Prentice evened things up with a nice shot from the slot. Alex Wilbee's booming slap shot from the point put the Storm in front but the Bears evened it up again to equalize the back and forth affair. Before the end of the first Matt Manning's shot from outside the blue line found its way past the Bear goalie to make it 3-2.

In the second, Zack Shantz broke free to score on a breakaway from the hash marks but South Muskoka answered with three in the period. Mitch Billings' nice feed to Alex Petrie allowed the winger to break in and even it up and it looked like that was the way the game would end. It was devastating to watch the Bear forward break free and nail it top shelf with only one second left in the game in front of the home crowd to win it 6-5.

On Saturday it was Minden's turn to host. This time it was the top-tier Almaguin Devils' time to take on our struggling unit. All things pointed to another tough outing but someone forgot to tell the Storm because they returned with one of their best games of the year. Although Almaguin scored early, Jon Morrison struck back to even it up in the first. It was a fast, hard-hitting affair but the Storm responded at every turn. In the third, Almaguin briefly grabbed the lead but our boys would not give up and were rewarded when Alex Petrie scored on the break away to even it up for good.

On Sunday, the squad travelled to Bracebridge for a late Sunday nighter. On

this night, it was all Storm. Trevor Turner, Manning and Petrie's hat trick were the difference in this game and Ryan Hannah was solid in net when required. The team rolled three energetic lines and Manning should be recognized for subbing in solidly on defense.

Well done, boys. It's great timing for a turnaround. Let's make sure it continues next week in Port Carling.

Ed Smolen Dentistry Bantam A

Submitted by Craig Smith

The Highland Storm Ed Smolen Dentistry Bantam A team once again proved that working hard as a team pays off.

Their current record now stands at 28 wins two losses and one tie.

The team is made up of three solid forward lines and six solid defensemen which as a team have scored 181 goals and have allowed only 45 against.

The goaltenders Parker Smolen and Josh Bellefleur have 10 shut outs between them. The team has had a couple busy weeks as they won the Parry Sound tournament on the weekend of November 16. They played again this past weekend in the Pembroke Silver Stick Tournament which hosted 16 teams.

The team played Friday afternoon and the boys seemed to be unstoppable as they won 12-0 against the Frontenac Flyers. Then Saturday they played their first game against Newcastle beating them 3-2, and then beat the home town Pembroke kings 6-2.

After the round robin the Storm sat in first place in their division. The Storm's next game was early Sunday morning as they beat RWC Crusaders 3-0 to advance to the semi-finals against Renfrew which the Storm won 7-1 to advance to the finals on Sunday night against the Mississippi River Kings who had also been undefeated.

The boys played hard but were defeated 4-0 to end up the tournament finalists.

Hats off to the coaching staff and to the boys

for their great team work.

Haliburton Family Medical Centre Peewee AE

Submitted by Jon Petrie

Haliburton Family Medical Centre's Highland Storm Peewee AE's travelled to Woodville this weekend for their first tournament of the year. The squad was in tough against some very good A teams to the south. The day started with our team being simply out-matched by a very good team from Sturgeon Lake. The game started well but the flood gates opened in the second period and Sturgeon never looked back to gain a 9-0 win. Next up was the Lindsay Muskies and again the Storm played quite well in the first period to keep it close. Penalties killed any momentum though and Lindsay took full advantage taking control to win the game 5-0.

This set us up to play Lindsay again in the 'B' final. After two tough losses the Storm could have easily given up but it's a proud lot, this crew, and they deserve full credit for playing their best game of the tournament in the final. The Storm carried the play for the majority of the game, pressuring the Muskies at every turn. Storm goalie, Jaxson Campbell, was spectacular, steadying the squad whenever the Muskies broke free from the relentless pressure. There were several chances but the puck would not obey and despite the effort it was the Muskies who got the breaks to win 2-0. It was a frustrating day to be sure, but to finish with a good effort and their head held high was reward enough for Jarrett Campbell and the rest of the coaching staff.

Dollo's Foodland Peewee A

Submitted by Larry Bukta

It was a busy weekend for the Dollo's Foodland Peewee A team with a double header in Parry Sound on Saturday followed by a trip to Huntsville on Sunday. The Storm scored first in game one with a short-handed goal against Parry Sound by Owen Gilbert in the second period as he caught the Parry Sound defence napping and slid the puck under the goalie's pad from the side of the net. Parry Sound struck back three minutes later. Miki Bukta followed soon after with the second Storm goal on the power play knocking in a loose puck in the crease. The Highland Storm dominated the game but took two penalties late in the game allowing Parry Sound to put in the tying goal with 2.4 seconds left on the clock leaving the score 2-2.

Game two saw the Highland Storm deliver a 9-2 spanking of the Parry Sound team as the goals finally started to happen. Sean Walker scored in the first period with a long shot followed by goals by Lucas Haedicke on a scramble and Owen Gilbert with a high shot from the slot. In the second period Ben MacNaull deked the defence and the goalie on a short-handed effort. Zack Morissette then banged in a bouncing puck to put the Storm up 5-0. Parry Sound finally put one in late in the second period but this was

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followed with two goals by Nigel Smith in the next 60 seconds, first on a scramble and then on a wrap-around. In the third period Parry Sound managed one more goal but this was followed by Morissette's second goal on a pass to the side of the net and Ben MacNaull's second goal on a two on one with a perfect pass by Morissette with just five seconds left in the game.

The Peewee A team faced a slew of penalties in the first period of their game against Huntsville and finally gave up a goal with two minutes remaining in the period. Huntsville scored two more times in the second period against a tired looking Storm team. The Storm played harder in the third period and were rewarded with a goal by Lucas Haedicke as he put in a loose puck after several Storm shots on net. It was too little too late as the Storm were defeated 3-0.

Minden CARQUEST Midget B girls

Submitted by Dan Marsden

The Minden CARQUEST Highland Storm Midget B girls travelled to North York for a Saturday afternoon game against the southern Storm squad. The Highland girls put practice into play from start to finish in the game. Erica Carmount opened the scoring (and the eventual game winning goal) early in the first period off a goalmouth scramble where she slid the puck past the North York tender. Kelsey Maracle went top glove off a beauty saucer pass from Alicia McLean for a first period 2-0 lead. In the second period, Cassidy Garbutt added to the lead (her first of two) with a quick snap shot that surprised the North York Storm goalie and Maddie Billings showed great patience off a short-handed rush weaving her way through the defenders and out-waiting the netminder. The Highland Storm 5-0 win was secured with a late period rush off a North York turnover where Garbutt put a five-hole squeaker past the goalie. Great game girls with supporting highlights from McLean with a hat-trick and Connor Marsden's fourth shut-out of the year.

On Sunday night the Highland Storm hosted the Whitby Wolves in Minden. Both clubs competed in a tightly contested game from start to finish. Maracle opened the scoring midway through the first period with a quick snap shot from high in the slot that surprised and eluded the Wolves netminder. Both sides traded quality scoring chances throughout the entire game with the Storm gaining a slight advantage in the third period hemming the Whitby club in their own end much of the third period. Sydney Feir rounded out the scoring in the third period finishing off on a rebound from McLean's rush. The second shut-out win (Marsden's fifth) of the weekend moved the Storm squad into third place in their loop with a 7-2-3 record, only one point behind the second place Cold Creek Comets. Great weekend of hockey girls.

Our next game is Sunday, Dec. 1 at 1:30 pm in Haliburton where we host West Northumberland Wild. Keep up the focused efforts girls as we push for second place and another kick at the can with Ennismore, Cold Creek and undefeated Otonabee.



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Teen on target

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

She stands 20 yards from her target, bow in hand, ready to take the shot.

Flanked on either side by her competition, Evelyn Beachli remains calm on the firing line as she puts arrow after arrow into the scoring zone of her target down range. It was an Ontario Association of Archers (OAA) competition on Nov. 17 in Peterborough. She placed first in the 13 to 14 year-old age group.

Derek Beachli, Evelyn's father, started bow hunting eight year ago. Evelyn started to show an interest as a result and picked up her first bow when she was seven.

"We bought a small kids bow for her to play with and she started off with that," Derek said. "As she progressed, we bought her more of a youth hunting bow, and that's what she's shooting now."

It's a sport the father daughter pair can do together. Last year, Evelyn shot her first buck with her bow.

"We shot a lot, and then last year she successfully took that [10-point] buck," Derek said. "She wanted to keep shooting after the

fact so we found archery competitions online and just decided to go give it a try."

Evelyn has placed in all three tournaments she has competed in. Normally she shares a firing line with 14 other shooters. They shoot 60 arrows throughout the competition, which takes about two hours to complete.

"Mentally you get tired," she said. "Your shoulders start to get very weak."

Despite the physical demands of the sport, Evelyn's strength is improving, reducing the impact of fatigue on her performance.

"My last competition, because my shoulders are stronger [now], I shot pretty consistently," she said.

This year Evelyn plans to compete in enough tournaments to qualify for the overall championship. She said she enjoys competing in archery and wants to keep doing it until she can't anymore. Already the young athlete is thinking about scholarships and even competing in the Olympics.

"My friends were the ones who kept saying I should get into competitions," she said. "[They're] very proud of me."

Evelyn's next competition is in Peterborough on Dec. 1.



Photo by Matthew Desrosiers

Evelyn Beachli takes practice shots in her yard in preparation for her upcoming archery tournament in Peterborough on Dec. 1.

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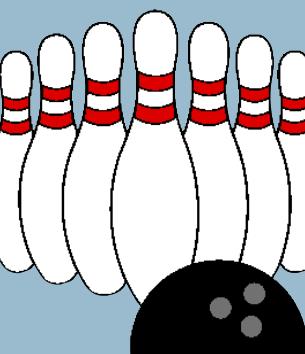
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Skating is a dream come true

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

Training with the Minden Skating Club (MSC) has led to success and accomplishment for 13-year-old Archie Stouffer student Madison Allaire.

Her desire to excel has been ingrained in her psyche from an early age and it shows.

The Grade 8 student has been skating for seven years and she enjoys the opportunity to advance in her chosen sport.

"In the skills I'm on senior bronze and senior silver dances," she said. "In [a week] from now I'll be doing my interpretive [routine] in Port Carling."

Besides skating Allaire enjoys activities of varied interests.

"I enjoy photography and like to take pictures of things," she said. "I like doing school sports like volleyball and basketball when it starts."

Allaire excels academically and her marks reflect the effort put forth.

"I get between 70 and 90 and I really enjoy doing art."

With the help of her parents providing transportation and encouragement, Allaire continues to travel for competitions in the hope of becoming an exceptional skater and an example and mentor for other youngsters who wish to fulfill their skating dreams.

Season ends for Red Hawks

By Warren Riley
Sports writer

For the first in its history, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) junior football Red Hawks advanced to the National Capital Bowl (NCB) in Belleville.

It was a proud day for head coach Bruce Griffin and his team on Nov. 23 when they played against the Sydenham Golden Eagles on an Astroturf field. Although the lost the game, the Red Hawks played an outstanding season.

"At the start of the year we had no idea it would turn out so well," said Griffin. "We have a great bunch of athletes in both [Grades] 9 and 10 and they carried it right to the end. They were a bunch of guys who knew how to win."

"I kept telling them they weren't the greatest practise players. They never wanted to practice but they always seemed to get it together game days and played their hearts out. A lot of our games were come from behind wins. They really put it together and I'm really proud of them."

Griffin knew from the season's start that he had a great team.

"We talked about Red Hawk pride and they certainly displayed that," he said. "We had several coaches after the games that told us we played a classy game. If our guys knocked one of their opponents down we helped them up. There weren't as many cheap shots or fighting and swearing or anything like that. They were always good clean games. It was good clean football and hard-hitting. That's what we wanted from them and that's what they gave us. We're very proud of them."

Refereeing can make or break a season for some teams and Griffin was complimentary concerning the calls made for and against the Red Hawks.

"The refereeing was good. We're lucky to have refs come up and it's tough at times for them. We had good refereeing and they were a little more patient with juniors because some of the guys have never played before. They helped us out and didn't call everything. You can't argue with them because you'll never win."

A big win for the Red Hawks this year was bringing home the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic (COSSA) championship.

"Well, we won COSSA which was the first time since 1991," Griffin said. "It's the first time we have gone to the NCB. We didn't even know it existed for AA level in junior which it does and we were happy to have that invite. We had already put our equipment away after COSSA so we were excited to have the unexpected invitation."

The school's coaching was part and parcel of the Red Hawk's winning combination and Griffin relied on his assistants for their expertise.

"Our success was our coaching with the two assistants," he commented. "I had great help from our offensive coach Raavo Laidia with his expertise and I let him run the offense and it worked. I also had Ryan Merritt, our defensive coach, who is learning how to coach football."

It was one of the best teams for Griffin and it showed in the player's abilities and skill level.

"We had kids who could run and had speed, we had a quarterback who could throw the ball and we had players that could actually catch. It was a good combination. We had the skill over a bunch of players to make it happen. I told the boys you can't win with just a couple of great athletes. You have to have 12 guys in the field that can play together and that's exactly what we had."



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Devin and Jasmine Montreuil take a close look at one of the 40 entries in the Festival of Trees at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Festival lights up Minden

By Mark Arike

For the fourth year in a row, the buildings at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre were adorned with beautifully decorated Christmas trees, wreaths and gift baskets for the Festival of Trees.

“This works well because we have a variety of venues,” said head organizer and volunteer Pam Smith. “We do the best we can to place the trees in the buildings that would suit them best.”

The festival, which ran from Nov. 22-24, featured 40 trees which were supplied – and decorated – by organizations and individuals. Others were sponsored by local businesses and decorated by the festival's committee members.

While taking in the elaborate decorations, visitors were also able to browse a gift shop and participate in free children's activities.

and participate in free children's activities. Tree were set up in the Agnes Jamieson

Gallery, Common Room, Nature's Place, Bowron House, blacksmith shop, Discovery Zone, school house, and Bethel Church.

At the end of the three-day event, the trees were raffled off.

“It’s a fundraising and fun themed event,” said Smith, who pointed out that last year’s event raised somewhere between \$5-6,000 for programming at the Cultural Centre.

Trees were judged by a committee made up of three individuals with a background in the arts, said Smith. Winners in each category received a certificate and a year's membership to the Cultural Centre.

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"You can't do it by yourself," smiled Smith. "You have a great committee, and the support of friends and family."

The event draws about 1,000 people of all ages to the Cultural Centre.

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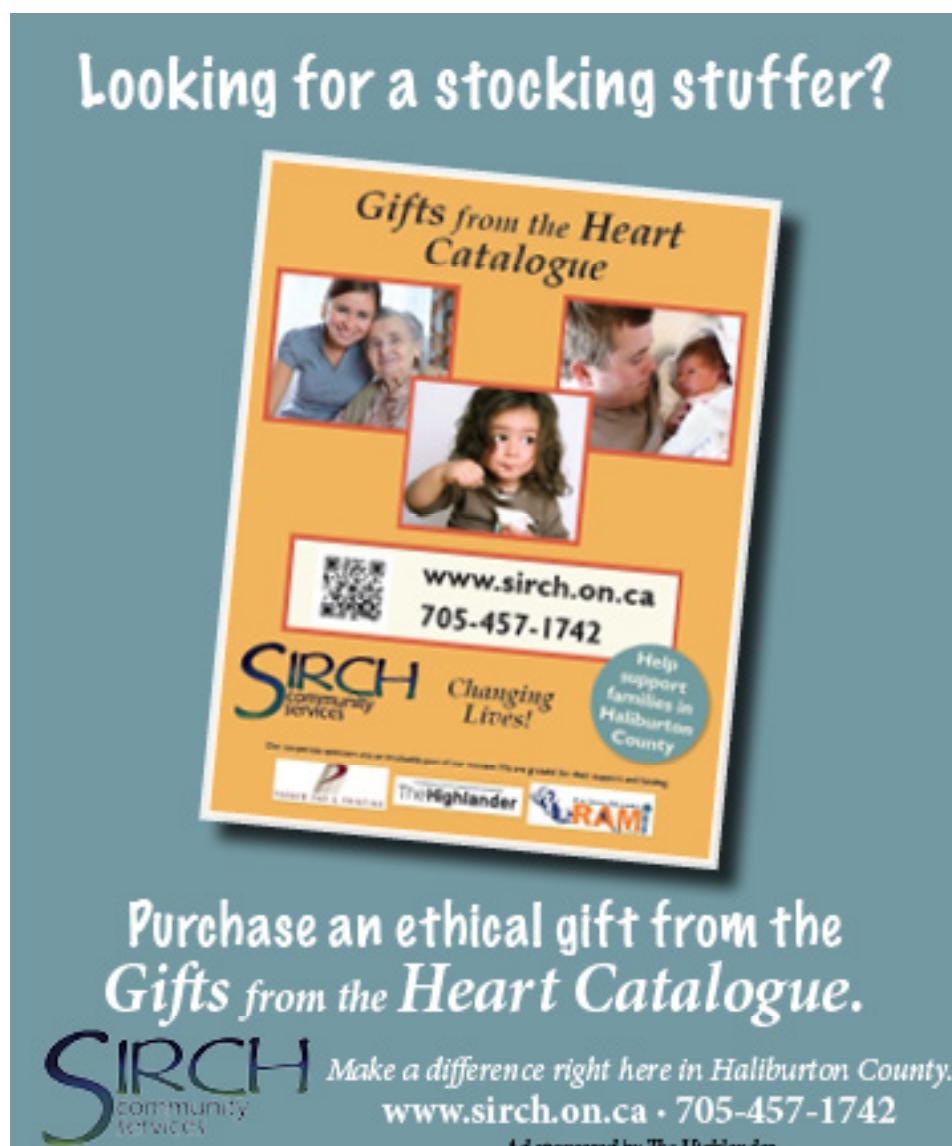


By Mark Arike

Ugly sweaters go walkabout

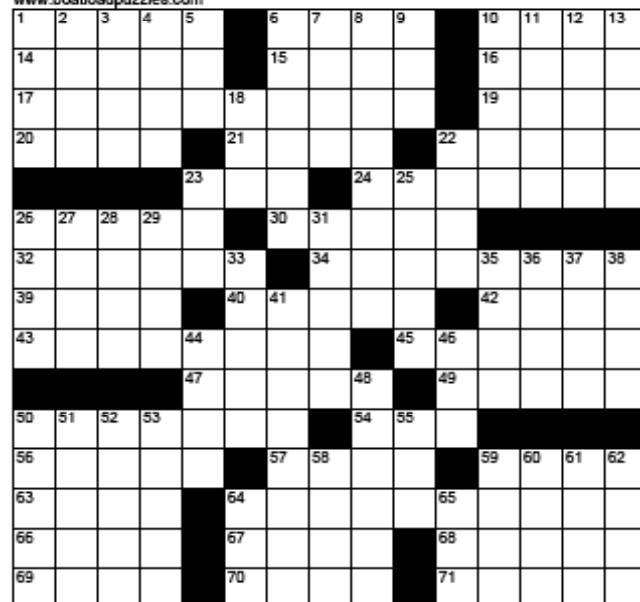
Nearly 60 people dug deep into their closets to participate in Haliburton's first annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Run/Walk on Nov. 24. Those of all ages braved the chilly morning (-11 degrees Celsius) when they gathered at the town docks to sport their most unappealing, but festive, sweatshirts. After signing in, participants had the option of running or walking around Head Lake – a distance of five kilometres. Once finished, they were treated to hot chocolate and cookies at the Dysart library. The event was free to participants, but organizers Andrea Mueller and Angela Andrews accepted donations for the food bank and municipal recreational program.

Pictured above: Ugly Sweater Run/Walk participants take off from the starting line at the town docks in Haliburton.



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| Community Care Christmas lunch – Haliburton Legion, 2 p.m. RSVP by November 22. | 28 | 29 | 30 DECEMBER 1 |
| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY |
|  | Minden Guides and Pathfinders meeting, 6:30-8 p.m. | Community Care Christmas lunch – Minden Lion's Hall, 2 p.m. RSVP by November 29. | 3 |
| Contract Bridge – Minden United Church, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Contact 705-286-1305. | Euchre – West Guilford Community Centre, 7 p.m. |  | 4 |
| Friends of the Haliburton County Library Christmas Sale – Haliburton Library, 10-3 p.m. | Annual Cookie Walk - Haliburton United Church, 10-12 p.m. Bring your own containers to fill, \$4.50 per dozen. | Country Music Jamboree – S.G. Nesbitt Arena, 1-5 p.m. | 5 |
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| Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) | Minden Branch (705-286-4541) | Wilberforce Branch (705-448-2221) | 8 |
| General meeting, 2 nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m. | Lunch menu, Monday to Friday, 12-2 p.m. | Pool, Friday, 1:30 p.m. | |
| Ladies Auxiliary meeting, last Thursday of month, 1 p.m. | Cribbage, Saturday, 1-3 p.m. | Jam session, Friday, 7 p.m. Everyone welcome! | |
| Meat draw, Friday, 4:30 p.m. | Seniors "B-d" Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m. | Meat draw, Saturday, 2 p.m. | |
| 50/50 draw, Saturday, 4 p.m. | Meat Draw, Wednesday, lunchtime | Pancake & sausage breakfast, Sunday, 8-11 a.m. | |
| Breakfast, 2 nd and 4 th Sunday, 9:30-1 p.m. | Ladies Darts, Thursday, 1 p.m. | Bid Euchre, Monday, 7 p.m. | |
| Bid Euchre, Wednesday, 1 p.m. | Euchre, Thursday, 7:30 p.m. | Executive meeting, Tuesday, 7 p.m. | |
| Bingo, Wednesday, 7 p.m. | Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 5-7 p.m. | NFL Sports Day, Sunday, 12-5 p.m. | |
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OBITUARIES



Victor Ibbotson

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer at the Haliburton Hospital with his family by his side on Monday morning, November 25, 2013 in his 84th year. Beloved husband of the late Donna Ibbotson (2012). Loving father of Donna and her husband Dwight Stison of Haliburton. Fondly remembered by his grandchildren Kyla and Alyssa. Dear brother of Elwood and David. Predeceased by his sister Marjorie. Vic was a member of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #129, Haliburton and was a member of the Haliburton Curling Club. Vic and Donna lived in the Haliburton Highlands for over 20 years.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario on Thursday afternoon, November 28, 2013 from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Funeral Service in the Chapel on Friday morning, November 29, 2013 at 11 o'clock. (Visitation one hour prior). As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society and the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary would be appreciated by the family.

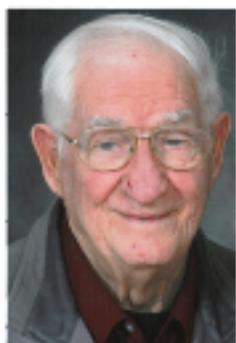


Masonic brethren are invited to assemble at the Funeral Home on Friday morning, November 29, 2013 at 11 o'clock for a Masonic Service.



In Loving Memory of

Clayton George Hummel



Resident of Minden for 36 years, Clayton George Hummel (born in Trout Creek), always lived life to its fullest and loved being surrounded by family and friends.

He has been a caring, kind husband and father, a friend to many, the favourite uncle, and most importantly, a Super Grandfather with a lasting presence in the lives of his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Although he spent 25 years managing one of the top 5 Canadian Tire stores in the country and then another 20 years building homes, cottages and businesses around Minden, Clayt was never a person defined by his job but someone who appreciated life beyond the workplace.

Whether he was driving a fifth wheel across the highways of North America with Joan, waterskiing the lakes of Haliburton region, cruising the Trent Canal, or on a snowmobile during a frosty winter, Clayt was always 'on the go'.

There will be smiles on the faces of each person that remembers the many experiences shared with Clayton:

Passed away peacefully at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday, November 23, 2013 in his 86th year.

Loving husband of Joan for 36 years, predeceased by his first wife Lois. Father of Gordon (Debbie), Coralie, and Cathy Stephens (Mike), predeceased by his son Brian. Step-father to Jill Garvin and Lori Kunkel (Dan), predeceased by Byron and Jennifer. Best Grandpa ever to Brandon, Robbie, John and Michael of Minden, Wendy (Kevin), Tammy, Linda, Shelly (Evan), Bill (Lisa), Steve (Laurie), Erin (Kurt), and Meaghan (Jay). Great Grandpa to 15 great grandchildren and 1 great, great granddaughter. Brother of Kevin (Anne), Linda (Ross), predeceased by his sister Geraldine (Nate) and brother Wayne (Pat). Clayton will be missed by his many friends from Minden and all his travels. Many thanks to the wonderful hospital staff at Kingston General Hospital, all the doctors and nurses at Haliburton Hospital, Minden Hospital, and Haliburton Medical Clinic.

Friends are invited to a Memorial Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Saturday, November 30, 2013 at 10:30 am. Reception will follow in the Church Hall. Cremation has taken place.

In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Attention: Nancy Wright-Laking, B.A., CMO, CMMIII, CAO/Clerk/EDO
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Detailed Position Descriptions can be obtained from the Clerk's Office, 2nd floor or by contacting the Administrative Assistant at 705-286-1280 ext. 313 or at sprentice@mindenhills.ca

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. File No. SRA-13-08
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 1, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9581, registered October 29, 2013.
2. File No. SRA-13-01
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 2, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9582, registered October 30, 2013.
3. File No. SRA-11-08
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of Lot 17, Concession 1, geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9587, registered November 8, 2013.
4. File No. SRA-13-02
Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Big Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 2, geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9582, registered October 30, 2013.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place noted above, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

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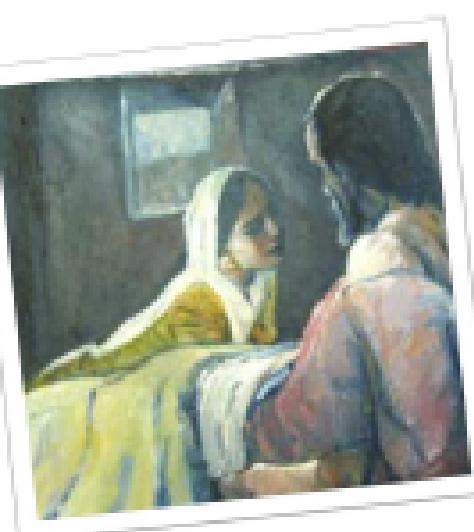
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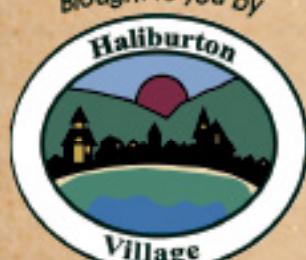
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What's on



Photo by Lorie Prohaszka

Ragged Company will play two songs during the Homemade Stew CD launch concert at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion on Nov. 30.

Highlands musicians front and centre

By Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Haliburton County Folk Society (HCFS) is launching a new compilation CD of local talent, and they're doing it in style.

On Nov. 30 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion, 13 of the 21 featured artists on the CD, called Homemade Stew, will be performing live. The performing artists include Dave Bathe, Custom Blend, Gord Kidd, Guy Pritchard, Rebecca Madamba, Carl Dixon, Phil McMahan/Paddy's Lament, Donna Drifter Leclair, Tracey Green, Trina West, Albert

Saxby, Irene Merritt, and Ragged Company.

"There will be quite a variety of performers up there," said Barrie Martin, HCFS president.

While the CD showcases a variety of genres, including heavy metal, the performers are mostly country, folk and blues artists, he said. The concert is the third instalment of the HCFS 2013/2014 concert series.

Martin said the compilation CD and concert are two ways the organization fulfills its mandate to support local musicians.

"One way of supporting local musicians is to give them an opportunity to perform and get their music out there that perhaps would lead to other opportunities to perform,"

Martin said. "We felt the compilation CD would be a good way of doing that."

Performing artists need to develop their skills and get exposure in order to be successful, he said.

"They had a chance to get the experience of performing and recording in a studio, and seeing the results from that."

Other ways the organization supports local artists is to use them to open for bigger acts.

"When we bring a bigger name into the community, it's standard practice for us to have a local opener," Martin said. "We ask people if they want to perform. It's usually a 20-minute set and they get paid for that."

The next challenge for the HCFS is finding

ways to promote local artists outside of the county, he said.

For Saturday's concert, Mike Jaycock will emcee the evening. Homemade Stew will be available for sale, along with Canoe FM's Christmas compilation album, and other local artists' CDs.

"We're doing everything we can to use this event to support local artists," Martin said.

Tickets are \$25, or \$20 for HCFS members and students. They can be purchased through www.madeinhaliburton.ca, the Photo Shop in Haliburton, and from Organic Times in Minden. Tickets are also available at the door. The show concert starts 7:30 p.m.

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